Development of Kanya Kumari as a Tourist Centre

309. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to develop Kanya Kumari as the most important tourist centre in the South?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI (MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism have sanctioned following projects/schemes to develop Kanyakumari as a tourist centre:—

(a) Construction of beach cottages;

(b) Tourist amenities at bathing ghats;

(c) Floodlighting of Vivekanand Rock Memorial;

(d) Rerry Launch and a Cafeteria.

Completion of East-Coast Highway

310. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to complete the East Coast National Highway between Kanyakumari and Calcutta; and

(b) whether Government would take quick steps to construct this East Coast Highway considering the security vulnerability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) East Coast Road runs from Madras to Kanyakumari, and is a motorable State Road. The development of this road is the responsibility of State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry.

Construction of Airport at Tuticorin

311. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of airport at Tuticorin has been completed;

(b) if so, by when this airport will be brought on the map of air routes; and

(c) what is the cost of the project and how much expenditure has been incurred so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI (MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Vayudoot Ltd. has no plans for starting any service to Tuticorin at present.

(c) The total estimated cost for construction of Tuticorin airport is approximately Rs. 4.00 crores. Actual expenditure incurred so far is Rs. 3.20 crores.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास हेतु गुजरात सरकार के प्रस्तावों को स्वीकृति दिया जाना

312. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास के लिए गुजरात सरकार ने केंद्र सरकार के पास कुल कितने प्रस्ताव भेजे हैं;

(ख) अभी तक स्वीकृत किए गए प्रस्तावों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) बाकी परियोजनाओं/योजनाओं को स्वीकृति देने में विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) स्वीकृत परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है और उनके लिए कितनी राशि आवंटित की गई है ; और

(ङ) क्या भाग (घ) में उल्लिखित किसी परियोजना के निर्माण कार्य में विलम्ब हो रहा है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (**श्री जगदीश टाइटलर**) : (क) और (ख) गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के लिए 1-4-88 से 31-3-91 तक की 3 वर्ष की अवधि के लिए 219.11 करोड़ रु० के संचित वार्षिक कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत मंत्रालय से निधियों की उपलब्धता और समग्र प्राथमिकताओं को मद्दे नजर रखते हुए 127.34 करोड़ रु० लागत के 164 प्रस्ताव अनुमोदित किए थे ।

(ग) 1-4-91 को लंबित 12 प्रस्तावों में से 5 प्रस्ताव 1991-92 के दौरान अनुमोदन के लिए लिए गए हैं । शेष प्रस्तावों के संबंध में स्पष्टीकरण के लिए राज्य लो०नि०वि० के साथ पत्र व्यवहार किया जा रहा है ।

(घ) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उपर्युक्त 164 अनुमोदित कार्यों के लिए कुल 26.15 करोड़ रु० का आवंटन किया गया ।

(ङ) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार स्वीकृत राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग परियोजनाओं पर कार्य की प्रगति सामान्य तौर पर संतोषजनक है । तथापि 1986-87 में स्वीकृत अहमदाबाद-बड़ोदरा राष्ट्रीय एक्सप्रेस के निर्माण कार्य में संविदात्मक समस्याओं, जिनको अब काफी हद तक हल कर लिया गया है, के कारण अपेक्षा-विलम्ब हुआ है ।

India's firm stand on Kashmir

313. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Indo-Pak clash in UN over Kashmir" as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 17th October, 1991;

(b) if so, whether India has firmly asked Pakistan to stop abetting terrorists;

(c) whether on the question of Kashmir also India has stated its firm view;

(d) if so, what was the reaction of the Pakistan Government on these issues; and

(e) by when the situation is likely to be eased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of Pakistan maintains its position on the Kashmir issue and denies its involvement with terrorism in India.

(e) Discussions are continuing with the Government of Pakistan to carry the confidence building process forward to persuade it to abandon its negative policies and support to terrorism and subversion, and to join India in the establishment of a peaceful and harmonious relationship.

Supply of Substandard working Equipment to CIL workers

314. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of the Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies are